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| NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and HAMBURG | "GOEBEN" B. Wilhelm | WEDNESDAY, 29th December, Noon. |
| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA | "DERFLINGER" Capt. G. Meiners | About WEDNESDAY, 29th December. |
| MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE | "PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. Lenzen | FRIDAY, 1st Dec., Daylight. |
| YOKOHAMA and KOBE | "COBLENZ" Capt. D. Lenzen | About SATURDAY, 8th January. |

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1900.

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FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO and FROM EUROPE via SUEZ CANAL.
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| FOR | STEAMERS | CAPTAINS | TO MAIL ON |
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| SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, NERI | Martin | 3rd Jan., P.M. | |
| MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS | POLYNESIEN | Broc | 4th Jan., at 1 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, TOURANE | Bourge | 7th Jan., P.M. | |
| MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS | OCEANIEN | Sellier | 18th Jan., at 1 P.M. |

Transhipment on the Co.'s Cleopatra at Singapore for Batavia; at Colombo for Calcutta, Bombay and Australia; at Port Said for the Levant, Constantinople and Black Sea.

Through Tickets to London via Paris from £47.10. to up to £71.10. 20 hours' railway from Marseille to London.

(Intercourse with passengers at their travel in Marseilles.)

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1900.

MESSAGERIES CANTONAISES.

HONGKONG-CANTON-KWANGSI RIVER SERVICE.

S.S. "PAUL BEAU" and "CHARLES HARDOUIN"

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French Cuisine and Wines of the Best Vintage. Meals, \$1.50.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1900.

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Intimation.

EYES

RIGHT!

N. LAZARUS, OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN,
CORNER OF D'AGUILAR STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD,WILL test your eyes free of charge, and if they are wrong will put them right.
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Ask, or write, for Illustrated Booklet on "Defective Sight"—free.LONDON: GATESHEAD, NEWCASTLE, SHAMBLES,
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Intimations.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.

Docking Length 515 ft.

Width of Entrance ... 80 "

Water on Blocks 8 ft.

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Docking Length..... 376 ft.

Width of Entrance... 50 "

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Docking Length..... 481 ft.

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THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Tugboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 40 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

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CHLOROFORM SURPRESSED.

A NEW ANAESTHETIC.

Chloroform and other anaesthetics are likely to be superseded if the results of a demonstration given on 18th ult. are accepted as convincing.

The occasion was a demonstration, of the possibilities of anaesthesia or numbness to pain induced by injecting stovaine into the spinal canal. Professor Thomas Jonnesco, Dean of the University of Bucharest, at the invitation of the staff of the Seamen's Hospital, performed an operation on the neck by this method, using no chloroform, ether or other general anaesthetic, the patient being perfectly conscious throughout the operation.

Since the discovery of Novocaine a few years ago operations on the lower part of the body, and the lower limbs have been successfully performed in this country. Through fear of the drug interfering with the action of the lungs and heart it has been commonly thought that its use was confined to parts below the waist-line.

Professor Jonnesco's demonstration goes far to prove, says the *Daily Mail*, that operations on any part of the body can be safely performed under stovaine injected into the spinal cord.

When the surgeon's hands had been fully sterilised for the operation, Professor Jonnesco inserted a small hypodermic needle into the spinal canal, passing it between two of the vertebrae at the base of the neck. Attaching a small syringe to the needle, three centigrammes of stovaine dissolved in water were injected into the spinal canal. After one minute, the patient was told to lie down on the operating table, and his head and shoulders were lowered, so that the action of gravity would cause the numbing fluid to spread upward.

Two minutes later the operation, which was for the removal of a mass of tubercular glands in the neck, was carried out in the ordinary manner, the patient perfectly conscious and talking to the surgeon during the whole proceedings.

"The chief advantages of Professor Jonnesco's method," said a surgeon who witnessed the operation, "are that little skill is required to give the anaesthetic; the operating surgeon can give it himself; all the discomforts of ordinary general anaesthesia are avoided; and, most important of all, there are no unpleasant or dangerous after-effects."

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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS.

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LEE YEE HAIR DRESSING SALOON

HAS ALWAYS ON HAND

CIGARETTES AND

TOILET REQUISITES

FOR SALE.

18, D'AGUILAR STREET,

HONGKONG.

1st and 2nd Floors, 18th Dec., 1900.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, the 28th and 29th December, 1900, at 10 A.M., at H.M. Naval Establishments, SUNDRY OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL AND VICTUALLING STORES,

Comprising—
OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES—FIRE ENGINE HOSES, LAMPS and LANTERNS, TOOLS, OLD IRON and METAL, ELECTRIC CABLES, SWITCHES, HYDRAULIC PUMP, COAL SACKS, CANVAS BAGS, OLD INDIA-RUBBER, OLD LEATHERS, CARPETS, MATTINGS, OLD BOATS, FURNITURE, &c., &c.

OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES—PROVISIONS, SEAMEN'S CLOTHING, BLANKETS, OFFICERS' MESS TRAPS (A quantity of Electric-plated Articles and Table Linen), IMPLEMENTS, SEAMEN'S MESS UTENSILS, OAK STAVES, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1900. [15]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on THURSDAY,

the 30th December, 1900, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No 8, Des Vœux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

A QUANTITY OF DOHERTY and RAMSEY'S TENNIS RACQUETS.

ALSO

One Case of AUSTRIAN TOBACCO.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [16]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Commander J. DA CUNHA LIMA, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY,

the 30th December, 1900, at 3 P.M., on board, as the raw materials on board, THE Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co.'s Docks at Hung Hom,

The Late Gunboat "RIO LIMA,"

Extreme Length 161 ft. 6 in.
Length on Water Line 150 ft. 3 in.
Extreme Breadth 27 ft. 7 in.

Displacement 63 tons.

Draught Forward 10 ft. 0 in.

At 11 ft. 2 in.

ENGINE:—Compound Surface Condensing (Horizontal) by Ladd Brothers, Birkenhead.

BOILER:—(2) Cylindrical 4 years old, Working Pressure 63 lbs. per square inch, The Vessel is now open to inspection (Sunday day excepted).

Inspecting Orders can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

TERMS:—Cash before Delivery, 25% of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the Hammer, Balance and clearance to be effected within 7 days after the date of sale.

Anchors and Chains to be sold with the ship.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers.

A Steam Launch will leave Blake Pier at 2.30 p.m. to convey intending purchasers.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [16]

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Bengers Food is mixed with fresh new milk when used, is dainty and delicious, highly nutritive, and most easily digested. Infants thrive on it, and delicate or aged persons enjoy it.

Bengers Food is sold in tins, by all Chemists, etc., everywhere.

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IN
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CURTAINS

PORTIERES.**WINDOW
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AND
RE-COVERING
FURNITURE.****SHOW ROOMS
FIRST FLOOR
ALEXANDRA
BUILDINGS.****POWELL'S**

Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [59]

Public Company**THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOWNS & CO., Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 30th day of December, 1909, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the Subjoined Resolution, that is to say:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered.

x. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph as follows:-

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered subdivided rearranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall before the Special Resolution is passed be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

x. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI a new paragraph as follows:-

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such money and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees until such time as the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisita a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act 1900 and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 21st day of December, 1909.
By Order,
SHEWAN, TOWNS & CO.,
General Managers.

Intimations.**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.****PORTLAND CEMENT.**In Casks of 475 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask
ex Factory.In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$8.45 per Bag
ex Factory.SHEWAN, TOWNS & CO.,
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Hongkong, 10th August, 1909. [58]

**OSMAN &
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Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed
HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS
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LACE and EMBROIDERIES a specialty.****TABLE LINENS, SERVIETTES and
HOUSEHOLD LINENS.**

Samples on application.

Coast Port Orders carefully
executed.

Bought at 5th December, 1909. [59]

Sold by all Chemists.

**THE REVOLT OF THE
EMPERSES.**

Peking, Dec. 14.
The revolt of the Empresses, relicts of his deceased Majesty Tung Chih, has been the best topic of conversation in Peking during the past ten days or so; and so far as the episode, though temporarily adjusted to all outward appearances, may yet have its influence on the disordered story of modern China, it may be worth while to piece together the fragmentary details that have become known.

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The end of the story is probably known to you. The Empresses returned at the end of last week (the weather is already bitterly cold and the Eastern Tombs can scarcely be a homely abode); they were at once visited by the Lung Yu Empress Dowager, and were appeased with some extra official title and extra emoluments—not the full Ts. 20,000 that they are believed to have claimed, but something fairly satisfactory. It is also understood that some arrangement has been come to whereby the youthful Emperor will be entrusted for his education to each of the Empresses for a certain period in each year.

Here then, for the moment the story closes but a sequel is by no means improbable. The widows of Tung Chih have already shown their mettle with some success. The Lung Yu Empress Dowager is described as a thoroughly amiable woman but of ambitious character. It will be remembered that as the Princess Yehonai she was believed to have been specially selected by the late Empress Dowager as Kuang Hsi's chief consort, when his own inclinations would have turned elsewhere on account of her strength of character and the story seems to be not without reason. Will the revolving three remain satisfied with the present compromise? Is the Lung Yu Empress Dowager such a woman as to brook continued rivalry? Petticoat influence is strong in the palace, and there are yet two who may claim some title as Empresses, a widow of Hsien Fêng who died in 1861, and a secondary consort of Kuang Hsi.

Possibly the two latter are not important enough to cause concern, the first on account of her age, the second because of her inferior position. But the possibility of six competing Empresses in one palace is no welcome thought in the midst of so much else that needs correction in the counsels of China.—N. C. D. News.

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make excellent refreshing beverages.Guaranteed to be made from the
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HONGKONG and KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1909. [28]

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Subscriptions for any period less than one month
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accessible to messenger. Post subscribers can have
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any extra charge. One copy sent by post, an
additional \$1.50 per quarter is charged for postage.The postage on the weekly issue to any part of the
world is 50 cents per quarter.
Single Copies, Daily, ten cents. Weekly, twenty-
five cents (for cash only).

BIRTH.

On December 13, 1909, at Amoy, the wife of
J. C. Veir, I. M. Customs, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At St. John's Cathedral, on the 27th Decem-
ber, 1909, by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, Arthur
Leslie, eldest son of W. D. Sutton, Hongkong,
to Rose Elizabeth, second daughter of the late
Henry Kennett, Hongkong. [87]On Friday, December 17, 1909, at Chin-
kiang, Dr. Miroslav Urbanek, son of the late
Hebra, of Prague, Austria, to Lucy Ellis,
eldest daughter of the late Thomas Shaw,
C. N. Co., and Mrs. Shaw, Beward Road,
Shanghai.On Tuesday, December 21, 1909, at Shang-
hai, Frank Oswald Reynolds to Edith Lillian,
second daughter of Daniel Addison Darling,
of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

On November 24, 1909, in London, suddenly,
Alexander Montgomery Bruce, late of the Hong-
kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, elder-
son of the late Major-General A. A. Bruce.November 26, 1909, at Cheltenham, Eng-
land, C. O. Gram, late of the I. M. Customs,
Shanghai, aged 81 years.On December 22, 1909, at Shanghai, Sarah,
the dearly beloved wife of John Sharples, aged
67 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1909.

OLD BOXING DAY.

The term Christmas Box doubtless derives
from the box that apprentices and tradesmen's
assistants used to carry around on this day, in
which to collect the alms that they demanded
as their right. On the day after Christmas, the
feast of St. Stephen, an old poem tell us:—

Gladly the boy with Christmas Box in hand,

Throughout the town his devotions made known,

And of his master's customers implore.

The yearly mite.

The box has gone with the practice, diminished
in some aspects and increased in others, re-
maining a feature of this time, and is not likely
to disappear rapidly. Some have derived the
custom from the Roman habit of giving gifts
at the New Year. It would seem that the box
used to consist of clay or common earthen-
ware, so that it could be broken for the sake
of the contents without causing much loss on
its possession. Thus we find it a book published

1642 that a covetous person "doubt exceed in
receiving, but is very deficient in giving; like the
Christmas earthen boxes of apprentices apt to
take in money, but he restores none till he be
broken like a potter's vessel into many shards." A
still earlier publication makes a similar com-
parison: "As an apprentice's box of earth,
apt he is to take all, but to restore none till he be
broken." Aubrey, also, in reference to the
discovery of an old Roman pot containing
desarli, said that it resembled "an apprentice's
earthen Christmas Box. But it is clear that
the important box was not only carried by
apprentices and trade-boys; for the poet Gay tells
us that:—

Some boys are rich by birth beyond all wants,
Heb'd by uncles, and kind good old aunts;
When time comes round a Christmas Box they bear,
And one day makes them rich for all the year.

In the West of England parties of women

used to go from door to door gathering such

gifts as they could; they called this "going

a-gooding." With regard to the alms collected

by the apprentices and journeymen, something

was given by their employers in counter-value;

for the servants of the customers always ex-
pected to be remembered at this time. In

many cases the baker or grocer was mulcted on

two counts; he was expected to send a cake or

box of sweetsmeats to the house, and the servant

who called at his shop also looked for his

generosity.

Another origin has been given to the term
Christmas Box. In old times the priests used

to keep a box in the church for the collection

of the people's pence which were thus amass-
ed in readiness for Christmas, to be then spent

in payment for indulgences, so that the licence

sure to be taken might be less perilous. The

Christmas Box, therefore, was a kind of in-
surance against the results of Christmas excess

and debauchery. A writer of two centuries

since speaks of Boxing Day as observed in his time. "I found that, because I had laid out

a good deal of ready money with my brewer,

baker, and other tradesmen, they kindly

thought it my duty to present their servants

with some money for the favour of having their

goods. This provoked me a little; but, being

told it was the custom, I complied. These

were followed by the watch, bairies, dustmen,

and an innumerable tribe; but what vexed me

the most was the clerk, who has an extra-

ordinary place, and makes as good an appear-
ance as most tradesmen in the parish; to see him

come a-boxing, alias begging, I thought

was intolerable; however, I found it was the

custom, too, so I gave him half-a-crown; as I

was likewise obliged to do for the bellman; for

breaking my rest for many nights altogether."

With slight change this might be written to-day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher has been appointed
Registrar of Trade Marks, with effect from the
1st January, 1910.The appointment of Mr. E. Jones to act as
Assistant Harbour Master, and Mr. A. E. Davey
to act as First Boarding Officer, with effect
from the 1st instant, until further notice, is
granted.Dr. Kitasato has received an intimation from
the University of Yale, to the effect that it has
been decided to confer upon him the degree of
Doctor, and inviting him to visit the university
next year.His Excellency the Governor has been pleased
to re-appoint the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.
& C.G., to be a member of the Medical Board
for a further term of three years, with effect
from the 18th May, 1909.THE China Critic understands that Capt.
Elphinstone, who has so long been in charge of
the C. E. and M. Co.'s coal sales department,
is leaving that company to accept the position
of representative at Shanghai of the Siemens-
Schuckert Works, which he will take over next
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LOSS OF A JAPANESE DESTROYER.**TWO MEN KILLED.**

The torpedo-destroyer *Inazuma*, which left Ominato (near Aomori) for Hakodate at 5 p.m. on 16th instant, came into collision with the steamer *Kinryu-maru*, 660 tons, owned by Mr. Kinugawa, of Kobe, which left Hakodate on the same day for Otaru, reports the *Japan Chronicle* of 16th inst. The collision occurred about two miles west of the Katastishi light, four miles from Hakodate. The destroyer was struck in the engine-room, two men in which were killed and three others injured. It being evident that the boat would sink, the crew were transferred to the *Kinryu-maru*, which began towing the destroyer to Hakodate. The destroyer sank, however, before it had proceeded far. The *Kinryu-maru*, with the crew on board, arrived at Hakodate at 2 p.m. on the 17th instant. Lieutenant Hotta, in command of the destroyer, was one of those injured and became unconscious for a time. He was transferred to the Hakodate Hospital. Besides the casualties referred to two men are missing. An official report has reached the Navy Department to the effect that the destroyer *Akabumi* was sent to the assistance of the destroyer and has taken the crew on board.

The *Inazuma* was built at the Yarrow Ship-building Yard, London, in 1909. She is a sister ship of the *Izumi*, *Akabumi* and *Sazanami*, and is of 311 tons displacement, with a speed of 31 knots. Her crew numbered about forty.

FOUR GREAT FIRES.**EIGHTY HOUSES BURNED IN OSAKA.**

Four great outbreaks of fire have occurred this week in various parts of Japan, one of them resulting in five deaths, reports the *Japan Chronicle* of 18th inst. At about 10 o'clock on Thursday night, the 16th instant, a fire broke out in Onika which threatened to rival the great conflagration in the summer. The outbreak took place at the glass factory at Nishi-Sekiya-cho, near Tennoji Park. A strong westerly wind which was blowing at the time rapidly carried the flames eastward, and in a short time all the small houses adjoining the factory were swept away, and the premises—about 470 tsubo in extent—of the chrysanthemum show were involved. It was feared at one time that Nippon-bashi-dori and Namba-shinchin would be devastated and indescribable excitement ensued, but by the strenuous efforts of the police force and the fire-brigades the flames were under control at about 12 o'clock after completely destroying about fifty houses and partially burning another thirty. A fine new bath-house which had been completed only a few days previously at a cost of Yen 10,000 was among the buildings destroyed. Fortunately the fire was confined to Nishi-Sekiya-cho. It is stated that the scarcity of water in consequence of the supply being cut off at the time from the waterworks considerably retarded the operations of the fire brigade. Some firemen are reported to have been injured. The damage is estimated at about Yen 30,000. It is believed that sparks issuing from the chimney of the glass factory set fire to an adjoining house and thus caused the conflagration.

A disastrous fire is also reported from Ibaragi prefecture. About 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, the 15th instant, fire broke out in the building of the Jyoyu, a weaving factory erected for the purpose of giving employment to the families of soldiers killed in the war, at Ibioka, Ibaragi prefecture, and 99 houses were destroyed. In 1907 the town was the scene of another destructive fire, which swept away about 200 houses, and the present fire has occurred before the damage sustained through the preceding outbreak was repaired. The cause of the fire and the damage sustained are not yet known.

Still another fire is reported from Togamura, Minami-akita district, Akita prefecture, which occurred on Tuesday evening, the 14th instant. In this case 52 houses were destroyed and three men and two children burnt to death. The full extent of the damage is not yet known.

The fourth fire is reported from Formosa. The out-break occurred on the afternoon of the 13th instant, at Jirinsho in the Taichiu district. The flames raged three hours. Eighty-five houses were totally destroyed and two partially, while 58 pigs and one goat were burnt to death. The damage is estimated at about Yen 10,000.

HONGKONG-BUILT VESSELS FOR MANILA.**INSPECTION BY U.S. OFFICIAL.**

Captain Robert H. C. Kelton, Quartermaster, who left Manila on the November transport to make an inspection of the coal facilities in Japan and the work now being done for the Quartermaster's department at Shanghai and Hongkong, returned to Manila yesterday on the *Zafra*, reports the local *Times* of 2nd inst. Captain Kelton sailed on the *Thames* November 15 and was seven days en route to Nagasaki on account of the bad winds. From Nagasaki he made a trip to the Miiki coal mines and remained four days inspecting the work there. He also visited the Imperial Steel Works at Wakamatsu which are operated by the Japanese Government.

At Shanghai an inspection was made of the work which is being done at the *Warren*. The delay in the repairs to the transport was caused by the taking out of the boilers in order that they might be repaired in the shops. This will require boiler work although causing a delay of several weeks. Captain Kelton continued to Hongkong where a ship is being constructed for the department to replace the old *Napoleon*.

The remaining eight of the steel lorcas ordered by the Quartermaster department have been finished and will be sent to Manila as soon as transportation can be secured for them from Hongkong to Manila.

THE P. & O. S. N. CO.**ANNUAL REPORT.**

The report of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company states:

The three new steamers of the "M" class, the *Morda*, *Malwa*, and *Mantua* have now been at work for some months, and have met with general approval on the part of the travelling public. The directors are at present negotiating for two additional vessels of this type, but of increased dimensions and capacity. It may be mentioned that the above-named new steamers have been fitted with the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, and, as land stations throughout the East are inaugurated for this particular work, the company's mail ships will be fitted up accordingly. Until quite recently, eight of the company's steamers were laid up in London, but five of the oldest of these ships have now been sold, viz., the *Victoria*, *Britannia*, *Pennant*, *Malaca*, and *Fornosa*. The prices realised were extremely low, but the book cost has been fully covered by the operation of the ordinary sinking fund, and a trifling profit resulted on the whole transaction. There are only three steamers laid up at the present time, and it is hoped that employment will be forthcoming for one of them ere long. The fleet has been navigated in complete safety, and with remarkable freedom from minor accidents throughout the year—the total mileage being approximately 3,000,000 of nautical miles.

The accelerated mail service continues to be performed with the utmost regularity, alike with India, China, and Australia. A slight remodelling of the China line has enabled the directors to establish a separate and rapid communication fortnightly between Shanghai and Yokohama, as an addition to the fortnightly service to these ports by the intermediate steamers from London via Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Hongkong, etc. The operations of the company, by their intermediate China line, are gradually being extended to other ports, and recently Pori, Swettenham, Keelung, Hankow, Kiuchow, Idzubara, and other places have been added to the itinerary of this service.

At this present date last year not only were there large fleets of ships laid up in British ports, but at Bombay and at Calcutta and doubtless in other Eastern ports, the idle tonnage was unprecedented. So far as Eastern ports are concerned, this state of things is now changed, chiefly owing to the absorption of a very large tonnage recently employed in the export of cargoes of beans from Manchuria. This is a new business in Europe, and whether it may prove a permanent factor in the commerce of this country it is at present impossible to say. Meanwhile, the result is that Eastern freights have risen to a moderate extent for the first time for two or three years, but this has taken place since the accounts now submitted with this report were closed. In these circumstances it may, perhaps, be deemed satisfactory that the company's freight revenue has been maintained practically at the same level as last year, being £1,515,818, as compared with £1,520,081 last year, a difference of only £1,263.

Mr. McLeod seconded the resolution; which was unanimously carried.

The chairman proposed the second resolution, which read: "That the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph No. 5 of Article XIV of the Articles of Association, namely—The Auditor's remuneration shall be £150 per annum."

Mr. E. E. Clark seconded it, and it was also carried unanimously. The chairman then proposed the third resolution, namely: "That the following paragraph No. 10 of Article XV of the Articles of Association, namely: The General Managers shall be paid or allowed to deduct by way of remuneration for conducting and transacting the business of the Company a commission of 10 per cent per annum on the net profits of every year and also a sum not exceeding £1,000 per annum to cover office expenses in the carrying on of the business of the company."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Zee Qai-yuen and carried.

The chairman said that in due course notice would be given to shareholders as to when applications would be received for the issue of cumulative preference shares.

AN INTERPORT GOLF CUP.

We (N.C.D. News) are glad to learn that the Shanghai Golf Club has authorized the Committee to offer to present Cup, to be known as the Shanghai Golf Cup, value about £1,000, for competition between Golf Clubs in China, Hongkong and Japan. The conditions are as follows:

(1) MEDAL PLAY 36 HOLES.

(2) Teams not to consist of more than five men, and the three best scores to count. The team returning the lowest score in the aggregate to be declared the winners. In the event of a tie a further 18 holes to be played.

(3) The first match to be held in Shanghai in April, exact date to be communicated later; subsequent competitions to be held annually on the 1st of the Club holding the Cup.

It is suggested that at the meetings arranged in connection with this Cup the Individual Golf Championship of the Far East might be played.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.**MAILS DUE.**

German (*Dorflinger*) 30th inst.

Canadian (*Empress of India*) 8th prox.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of India* from Hongkong via usual ports of call arrived at Vancouver on 23rd inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Sumatra* left Singapore for this port on 25th inst., at 3 p.m., and is due here on 31st inst., at 4 p.m.

The Dodwell's New York Line s.s. *Wray Castle* left Karatsa on 25th inst., and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on 30th inst.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Dorflinger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 1st inst., left Singapore on 24th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on 30th inst., at 4 p.m.

The *St. George's* Hall, 9 p.m.

Friday, 7th January.

Philharmonic Concert, at the City Hall.

Tuesday, 11th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 12th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 13th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Friday, 14th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Saturday, 15th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 16th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Monday, 17th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 20th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Friday, 21st January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Saturday, 22nd January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 23rd January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Monday, 24th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 26th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 27th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Friday, 28th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Saturday, 29th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 30th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Monday, 31st January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 2nd February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Friday, 4th February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Saturday, 5th February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 6th February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Monday, 7th February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 8th February.

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Wednesday, 9th February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 10th February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, 16th February.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 17th February.

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Shipping.

Arrivals.

Siam, Daulah ss., 2,500, J. B. Carter, 24th
Copenhagen, 2nd Oct., Gen.—M. & Co.
Manchuria, Am. ss., 8,750, A. Dixon, 25th
Dec.—San Francisco via Japan and
Manila 23rd Nov., Mails and Gen.—P. M.
S. Co.
Jacob Diederichsen, Ger. ss., 625, A. Hansen,
25th Dec.—Pakhoi and Holloway 24th
Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.
Ajax, Br. ss., 4,742, Husband, 2d Dec.,
Yokohama via Porte d'Or, Gen.—B.
& S.
Kashibug, Br. ss., 1,115, H. E. Lavers, 25th
Dec.—Weihaiwei 20th Dec., Salt and
Gen.—B. & S.
Merapi, Dutch ss., 1,449, O. Groest, 25th
Singapore 17th Dec., Gen.—Chinese.
Cheong Shing, Br. ss., 1,265, O. McClymont
Liddell, 25th Dec.—Chingwanta 19th
Dec., Gen.—J. & M. & Co.
Hatchling, Br. ss., 1,265, W. C. Pusserine, 25th
Dec.—Swatow 24th Dec., Gen.—D. L.
& Co.
Shengking, Br. ss., 1,034, E. B. Simons, 25th
Dec.—Chingwanta 19th Dec., Gen.—B.
& S.
Hong Sun, Chi. ss., 808, Maekussen, 25th
Dec.—Chinkiang 10th Dec., Gen.—C. M.
S. N. Co.
Sezechow, Br. ss., 1,142, Sidford, 25th Dec.,
Chinkiang 21st Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Chenan, Br. ss., 1,110, L. Jones, 26th Dec.,
Shanghai 23rd Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Tientsin, Br. ss., 1,221, F. Boyd, 26th Dec.,
Chinkiang 22nd Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
E. F. Ferdinand, Aust. ss., 3,843, E. Nitche,
26th Dec.—Shanghai 22nd Dec., Gen.—
S. W. & Co.
Hazel Dollar, Br. ss., 7,200, M. Ridley, 26th
Dec.—Moj 21st Dec., Coal.—Order.
Chingfuh, Chi. ss., 2,260, A. Augenstein, 26th
Dec.—Tsingtau 21st Dec., Salt—Walems
& Co.
Nanhai, Am. collier, 1,757, I. Carver, 26th
Dec.—Manila, P.L. 23rd Dec., Coal—
Admiralty.
Antilochus, Br. ss., 5,866, G. G. Keag, 26th
Dec.—Manila 24th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Chiyo Maru, Jap. ss., 1,755, W. W. Greene,
27th Dec.—San Francisco 31st Nov.,
Honolulu 6th Dec., Yokohama 16th, Kobe
20th, Nagasaki 22nd, and Shanghai 24th,
Gen.—T. K. K.
Kitao Ping, Chi. ss., 1,112, H. Uddin, 27th
Dec.—Canton 26th Dec., Gen.—C. B.
Yensang, Br. ss., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 27th
Dec.—Maula 24th Dec., Gen.—J. M.
& Co.
Takasaki Maru, Jap. ss., 2,943, A. Mocker,
27th Dec.—Moj 21st Dec., Coal.—N. Y.
K.

Departures

Dec. 26.

Delta, for Europe.

Clara Jeannet, for Chinkiang.

Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

Cleveland, for Japan.

Daffin Maru, for Swatow.

Halimun, for Swatow.

Haldit, for Swatow.

Kingsland, for Hongkong.

Festa, for Kobe.

Yean Maru, for Moj.

Holloway, for Singapore.

Keungui, for Swatow.

Fet, for Haliphong.

Wongkot, for Swatow.

Kingling, for Canton.

Kashing, for Canton.

Dec. 27.

Aja, for Singapore.

Chenan, for Canton.

Sezechow, for Canton.

Hinghien, for Canton.

Tientsin, for Canton.

Kashing, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.

Per Chuan, from Shanghai—Mrs. Cogan,

and Mr. Nelson.

Per E. F. Ferdinand, from Shanghai—Mrs.

Dubber, Messrs. Hildebrandt and Schmidt.

Per Hatchling, from Coast Ports—Mr.

and Mrs. Klein, Messrs. Tai, Siegma and Tamaki.

Per Chiyo, from San Francisco—Mr. H.

Oiley Bayer, Mrs. J. D. Chapman, Dr. R. W.

E. Cole, Mrs. M. S. Gallie, Miss H. A. Gunahl,

Messrs. Go, Hayes, R. J. Harrison, C. Ken-

neth, P. G. Koop, Dr. W. N. Lemmons, Messrs.

R. M. Mickie, H. L. Marker, E. J. Murphy,

T. Pall, Miss M. G. Weed, and Mr. and Mrs.

G. W. Welborn, from Honolulu—Mr. and Mrs.

W. P. Adams, and Mr. J. Q. Adams.

From Nagasaki—Mr. A. Anderson and native

servant from Shanghai—Messrs. S. Cello, Chen

Shan Za and native servant, Chu Hung, Tsai

and native servant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sievers,

Mrs. Yuan and native servant, Messrs. Yuen

Chung Loong and native servant, and Wong

Sia Ming and native servant;

Per Manchuria, from San Francisco, &c.—

Mr. H. Bromley, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Burch,

Rev. J. E. Ottis, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dickson,

Mr. and Mrs. Fleischig, Rev. and Mrs. J. Mc.

C. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howard, Mr. and

Mrs. W. C. Jack, Mr. Wong Loong, Mrs.

Leylebom, Master Louis Leyebom, Mr. H. G.

May, Miss Majorie May, Mr. and Mrs. M.

Hall McAllister, Misses Ethel P. McAllister,

Marion I. McAllister, Messrs. J. H. Mayer, J.

Raphael, W. H. Robinson, B. Shuerman, B.

W. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Smith, Master

Edward H. Smith, Miss Enid Smith, Mrs.

A. L. Stein, Dr. J. S. Tanner, Capt. W. A.

Burnside, Capt. and Mrs. Mc. D. Weeks and

Miss A. Cresswell, Admiral Arthur P.

Warro, Mrs. P. Nazro, Mr. and Mrs. R. de

B. Layard, Miss Layard, Dr. S. G. Simms, Mr.

and Mrs. J. D. L. Hartman, Mr. A. L. Stein,

Mrs. C. P. Blise, Mrs. M. K. Denham, Mrs. G.

Blise Stewart, Col. and Mrs. E. F. McClelland,

Mr. Ohna Caius, Masters Ong Chei Lam,

Ong Siowcan, Mr. and Mrs. Ong Teo Sing,

Messrs. Ong Chee F., Ong Cheng, Ong Teo

Chiu, Ong Fai, Mr. and Mrs. F. McQuen-

ton and maid, Col. and Mrs. A. O. Sharp, Mr.

and Mrs. S. Prestfield, L. G. Dillman, Lt. and

Mrs. L. B. Purcell, Miss Purcell, Dr. H. F.

Wood, Mrs. F. Jones, Messrs. A. G. Weis,

L. G. Dawson, H. Roussouw, Mrs. O. B.

Warnock, Misses N. Compton, J. Raymond,

Mr. B. W. Palmer, Mrs. W. B. Walker, Miss

Ethel Goodman, Messrs. J. Rothchild, Yu

Quipco, Miss Helen H. Smith, 425 Chinese, 10

Indians, and 272 Philippines.

Per Yentung, from Manila—Mr. and Mrs.

Mathur, Mrs. J. S. Van de Boe, Miss H. R. Van

de Boe, Mr. Harry Meyenberg, Mr. and Mrs.

George T. Gasoline and child.

Passengers departed.

Per Deli, for Shanghai, &c.—Mrs. M. Y.

Toog, Tui, Mr. and Mrs. Bode, Messrs. W.

W. Ross and servant, G. G. King and servant,

S. B. Patel, Miss Fleming, Wong Pak Ling,

Gangas Hause, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin, Mr.

T. H. T. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Skottowa,

Messrs. H. Sasse, E. J. Davies, Miss Phelps,

Mr. and Mrs. Phe's, Mr. and Mrs. Maximil-

ler, Messrs. Konarofsky, Baldock, Mr. Hash-

wood, Miss Benji, and Alderley.

Passenger expected.

Per Prior Elitel Friedrich, due 12th January,

1901—Messrs. L. Santos, H. Ferrey, Dr. and

Mrs. O. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stewart,

Mrs. E. S. Talavet, Rev. and Mrs. Diehl, and

Misses M. Madens.

DOCK RETURN.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCKS.
H.M.P.M.S. Raishi at Whampoa Dock.
Amelia " " "
Hilary " " "
Wo Lima " " "
Wo Kwei " " "
Namsang " " "

TAIKOO DOCKS.

Wobu at Quarry Bay Docks.
Weschow " "
Kueichow " "
Manchuria " "

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 27th to 2nd Jan., 1901.

HIGH WATER.

LOW WATER.

| W.D. | High | Hongkong Mean High | Height | W.D. | Low | Hongkong Mean Low | Height |
|--------|------|--------------------|--------|--------|-----|-------------------|--------|
| Mon. | 97 | 10.00 | 1.00 | Mon. | 97 | 9.00 | 0.00 |
| Tues. | 98 | 10.00 | 1.00 | Tues. | 98 | 9.00 | 0.00 |
| Thurs. | 99 | 10.00 | 1.00 | Thurs. | 99 | 9.00 | 0.00 |
| Fri. | 100 | 10.00 | 1.00 | Fri. | 100 | 9.00 | 0.00 |
| Sat. | 101 | 10.00 | 1.00 | Sat. | 101 | 9.00 | 0.00 |
| Sun. | 102 | 10.00 | 1.00 | Sun. | 102 | 9.00 | 0.00 |

dances morlaq afternoon.

CHINA COAST METEORLOGICAL REGISTER.

December 24th, 1900, a.m.

Bar. T.F. Hu. Wind W.

Vladivostock, Br. ss., 1,148, W. E. Sawyer, 20th
Dec.—Java, Sugor, I., M. & Co.
Nemuro " 20,61 " SW 3 b
Hakodate " 20,77 " SW 8
Tokio " 20,90 " SW 2
Kochi " 20,10 " SW 2
Nagasaki " 20,27 " SW 4
Kagoshima " 20,27 " SW 4
Osima " 20,20 " NE 6
Naha " 20,21 " NE 6
Ishigakijima " 20,17 " NE 4
Bonin Is. " 20,08 " SE 2
Taikoo " 20,40 " NW 100
Hawakow " 20,55 " SW 2
Kuklang " 20,55 " SW 2
Shanghai " 20,52 " NW 2
Kutlang " 20,52 " NW 2
Sharp Peak " 20,45 " SW 2
Amoy " 20,40 " SW 2
Swatow " 20,32 " SW 2
Taikoo " 20,26 " SW 2
Taichu " 20,10 " SW 2
Takao " 20,17 " NE 6
Kosha " 20,15 " NE 6
Pescadores " 20,19 " SW 2
Canton " 20,30 " SW 2
Hongkong " 20,31 " SW 2
Victoria Peak " 20,32 " SE 2
Cap Rock " 20,26 " ENE 2
Macao " 20,32 " NE 2
Wuchow " 20,35 " ENE 2
Holloway " 20,35 " ENE 2
Falkol " 20,35 " ENE 2
Phuilen " 20,37 " ENE 2
Tonra " 20,37 " ENE 2
G. S. James " 20,31 " NE 2
Apari " 20,00 " SW 2
Manila " 20,00 " SW 2
Legaspi " 20,49 " SW 2
Balcolod " 20,00 " SW 2
Hollo " 20,95 " SW 2
Obso " 20,92 " SW 2
Taboat " 20,93 " SW 2

December 27th, 1900, a.m.

Vladivostock, am. 30,46, 26 25

Nemuro " 30,24 " SW 2

Hakodate " 30,30 " SW 2

Tokio " 30,44 " SW 2

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOUR & CO. Corrected to noon : Inter alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

| ST CKS | NO. OF SHARES | VALUE | PAID UP | POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT RESERV. | AT WORKING ACCOUNT | LAST DIVIDEND | APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV. | CLOSING QUOTATIONS |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| BANKS. | | | | | | | | |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation | 120,000 | \$125 | \$125 | { \$1,160,000 \$1,100,000 \$250,000} | \$2,007,819 | { Interim of £2 for account 1909 @ ex 1/9 £ = \$21.72 | 4 % | \$95 buyers London £91.10/- |
| National Bank of China, Limited | 99,925 | 7 | 6 | { \$4,000 \$1,000} | \$30,553 | \$2 (London 3/6) for 1909 | ... | \$65 buyers |
| MARINE INSURANCES. | | | | | | | | |
| Canton Insurance Office, Limited | 10,000 | \$250 | \$50 | { \$1,560,000 \$554,81 \$502,70 \$16,000} | None | \$10 for 1908 | 7 % | \$145 sellers |
| North China Insurance Company, Limited | 10,000 | 15 | 65 | { Tls. 22,000 Tls. 315,253 Tls. 46,183} | Tls. 507,573 | Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908 | ... | Tls. 1121 |
| Union Insurance Society of Canton | 12,400 | \$150 | \$100 | { \$1,000,000 \$204,405 \$109,264 \$1,000,000 \$438,668 \$138,503 \$1,431,173} | \$8,464,931 | { Final of \$17 making \$47 for 1907 and Interim of \$30 for 1908 | 51 % | \$860 sales |
| Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited | 12,000 | \$100 | \$0 | { \$1,000,000 \$204,405 \$109,264} | \$7 7.03 | \$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907 | 7 % | \$130 |
| China Fire Insurance Company | 70,000 | \$100 | \$20 | { \$1,000,000 \$438,668 \$138,503} | \$375,347 | \$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907 | 7 % | \$118 |
| Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited | 8,000 | \$250 | \$50 | { \$1,431,173} | \$17 for 1907 | 74 % | \$370 sellers | |
| SHIPPING. | | | | | | | | |
| China and Macao Steamship Company, Limited | 30,000 | \$25 | \$25 | { \$7,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | \$8,035 | \$1 for 1906 | ... | \$8 sellers |
| Douglas Steamship Company, Limited | 20,000 | \$50 | \$50 | { \$10,000 \$10,000} | Nil. | 2/- for year ending 30.6.1908 | ... | \$13 |
| Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd | 80,000 | \$15 | \$15 | { \$19,167 \$22,045 \$10,000} | \$21,700 | Interim of \$1½ for account 1909 | 71 % | \$32 sales |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) Do. (Deferred) | 60,000 | £5 | £5 | { \$10,000 \$20,000 \$20,000} | £13,755 | 6/- for 1907 on Preferred shares only @ ex 1/11/16 = \$3.154 | ... | \$63 buyers |
| "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited | 2,000,000 | £1 | £1 | { \$780,000 \$100,000} | £6,811 | Final of 2/- for 1908 and interim of 1/- for a/c 1909 | ... | 67/6 buyers |
| "Star" Ferry Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$10 | \$10 | { \$6,000 \$48,083} | \$8,121 | \$100 for year ending 10.4.1909 | 4 % | \$26 buyers |
| REFINERIES. | | | | | | | | |
| China Sugar Refining Company, Limited | 20,000 | \$100 | \$100 | { \$350,000 \$356,848} | Dr. \$5,858 | \$5 for year ending 31.12.08 | 38 % | \$157 buyers |
| Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited | 7,000 | £1 | \$100 | { none Tls. 100,000} | Dr. \$15,893 | \$3 for 1897 | ... | \$62 sellers |
| Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited | 7,000 | Tls. 5 | Tls. 50 | { Tls. 6,02 | Tls. 10 for year ending 31.6.09 | ... | Tls. 340 buyers | |
| MINING. | | | | | | | | |
| Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd. | 1,010,000 | £1 | £1 | { \$175,000 \$18,289} | £1 48 | Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909 | 7 % | Tls. 18.80 sales |
| Raub Australasian Gold Mining Company, Limited | 150,000 | £1 | £1 | { \$18,289 \$1 | £1 19 | Nb. 12 of £1 = 48 cents | ... | \$72 sellers |
| DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS. | | | | | | | | |
| Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited | 18,000 | \$25 | \$25 | { \$18,036 | Dr. \$7,481 | \$1.7 for year ending 31.12.08 | ... | \$12 |
| Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. | 60,000 | \$55 | \$50 | { \$50,000 \$26,806 \$10,000 \$38,442 \$221,000} | \$10,103 | None | ... | \$62 sellers |
| Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd. | 50,000 | \$5 | \$50 | { Tls. 1,00 Tls. 100 Tls. 100} | \$345,583 | Interim of 3/- for account 1909 | ... | \$32 sellers |
| Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd | 55,700 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | { Tls. 60,257 Tls. 50,00 Tls. 185,000} | Tls. 6,261 | Final of Tls. 2/- for year ending 30.4.09 | 61 % | Tls. 76 sellers |
| Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited | 56,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | { Tls. 22,818 | Tls. 22,818 | Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908 | 7 % | Tls. 130 sellers |
| LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS. | | | | | | | | |
| Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd. | 25,000 | Tls. 10 | Tls. 100 | { Tls. 100 \$15 \$15 \$15 \$15} | Tls. 4,134 | Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09 | 51 % | Tls. 105 buyers |
| Central Stores, Limited | 50,123 | ... | ... | { \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000} | \$24,611 | \$10 on old and 60 cents on first new issue | ... | \$15 sales |
| Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited | 8,000 | \$100 | \$100 | { \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000} | \$19,472 | Interim of \$2.40 on old had 40 cents on new shares for account 1909 | ... | \$72 new b. |
| Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. | 50,000 | £1 | £1 | { \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | \$26,473 | Interim of 3/- for account 1909 | 61 % | \$102 buyers |
| Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited | 150,000 | £1 | £1 | { \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | \$5,486 | 60 cents for 1908 | 71 % | \$84 sales |
| Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited | 6,000 | \$50 | \$50 | { \$48,581 none} | \$378 | \$1 for 1908 | 5 % | \$30 sellers |
| Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited | 78,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 | { Tls. 1,523,045 \$100,000 none} | Tls. 142,404 | Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909 | 64 % | Tls. 120 sales |
| West Point Building Company, Limited | 12,500 | \$50 | \$50 | { Tls. 100,000 none} | \$1,968 | Interim of 4/- for account 1909 | 81 % | \$44 buyers |
| COTTON MILLS. | | | | | | | | |
| Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. | 15,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 5 | { Tls. 210,000 Tls. 40,098 \$1 | Tls. 10,991 | Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09 | 82 % | Tls. 135 sales |
| Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited | 125,000 | \$10 | \$1 | { Tls. 40,098 \$1 \$1} | \$9,553 | 5 cents for year ending 31.7.08 | ... | \$62 sales |
| International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd. | 10,000 | Tls. 75 | Tls. 75 | { Tls. 175,000 none Tls. 21,172} | Tls. 8,372 | Tls. 7½ for year ending 30.7.06 | ... | Tls. 75 |
| Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd. | 8,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 10 | { Tls. 100 Tls. 50 Tls. 50} | Tls. 4,839 | Tls. 4 for 1908 | ... | Tls. 101 |
| Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited | 2,000 | Tls. 500 | Tls. 50 | { Tls. 25,000 Tls. 21,172} | Tls. 15,912 | Tls. 5 for 1906 | ... | Tls. 425 |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | | | | | | |
| Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited | 8,624 | £2/6 | £2/6 | { £2,500 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £648 | 15 % per share for 1908 | 10 % | \$10 buyers |
| China-Borneo Company, Limited | 60,000 | £12 | £12 | { £12,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | Nil. | 50 cents for year ended 28.2.06 | ... | \$12 buyers |
| China Light and Power Company, Limited | 4,000 | £10 | £10 | { £10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £1,047 | 80 cents for 1908 | 81 % | \$91 sales |
| China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd. | 125,000 | £10 | £10 | { £10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £1,047 | £1 for year ending 31.7.09 | 81 % | \$91 buyers |
| Dairy Farm Company, Limited | 40,000 | £7½ | £6 | { £1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000} | £8,407 | £1.0 for year ending 31.7.09 | 81 % | \$91 sales |
| Green Island Cement Company, Limited | 400,000 | £10 | £10 | { £10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £18,919 | Interim of 35 cents for account 1909 | 81 % | \$161 sellers |
| H. Price & Company, Limited | 12,000 | £10 | £10 | { £10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £17,756 | 8 cents for year ending 31.12.08 | 82 % | \$132 sellers |
| Hongkong Electric Company, Limited | 60,000 | £10 | £1 | { none \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £51,095 | £1 a/d bond 10 cts. for year ending 29.2.09 | 6 % | \$20 sellers |
| Hongkong Ice Company, Limited | 5,000 | £25 | £25 | { none \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £7,616 | Interim of £1 for account 1909 | 10 % | \$180 sellers |
| Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd. | 60,000 | £10 | £10 | { \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | £8,790 | £1/d for 1909 | 82 % | \$124 sellers |
| Maatschappij tot Mijns-, Bosch- en Handelsgroeve plaatte in Lingkau, Limited | 25,000 | £100 | £100 | { Tls. 547,500 Tls. 53,524 | Tls. 316,682 | Final of £1.44 and bonus of Tls. 74 for 1909 | ... | Tls. 900 buyers |
| Peak Tramways Company, Limited | 25,000 | £100 | £100 | { \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000} | \$1,204 | 80 cents on fully paid share and 8 cents on £1 paid share for year ending 30.4.09 | 6 % | \$138 buyers |